



## **News Release**

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### **Heritage High graduate earns promotion in U. S. Coast Guard**

Walter C. Hutchins, a former Conyers resident and graduate of Heritage High School, was recently promoted to Petty Officer Third Class in the United States Coast Guard. The promotion came after successfully completing Marine Science Technician School on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002, at the Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown, VA.

Petty Officer Hutchins recently arrived for duty at Marine Safety Office Louisville, KY where he'll be involved in Homeland Defense Activities, Port Safety & Security, Vessel Inspections, Pollution Response, Waterways Management and Marine Casualty Investigations. His previous assignments include a 378-foot High Endurance Cutter home ported in Honolulu, HI and Training Center Cape May, NJ. He is the son of Jim and Patsy Hutchins of Conyers.

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